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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kirsten Valley et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 8, 2001. The period for response has been extended by two (2) months to August 8, 2001 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

In the previously-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement requiring the Applicants to elect claims directed to one of three species.

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Applicants elect, with traverse, claims 113-120 contained in the Examiner's Species a). Applicants respectfully submit that it would not be a burden upon the Examiner to extend her search to the remaining claims in the other species listed by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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